

NCAA[®] FOOTBALL

THE OFFICIAL 1997 COLLEGE FOOTBALL RECORDS BOOK

INDIVIDUAL & TEAM RECORDS IN ALL DIVISIONS •

Includes statistical trends, poll results and all-time team records

BOWL-GAME RECORDS & RESULTS •

Listed by bowl, conference, school and coach

COACHING RECORDS •

All-time leaders and top active coaches in all divisions

ALL-AMERICANS & OTHER AWARD WINNERS •

Year-by-year winners of all major honors

STATISTICAL LEADERS •

Top 1996 performers in all categories, team and individual

1996 RESULTS & 1997 SCHEDULES •

All teams in every division



BY VICTORIES

(Minimum 50 Victories)

Team	Wins	Team	Wins
Marshall++	79	Alabama@	62
Florida St.	75	Michigan	61
Nebraska	74	Washington	61
Florida	73	Syracuse	58
Miami (Fl.)	69	North Caro.	57
Penn St.	69	Virginia	55
Colorado	67	Auburn	54
Nevada++	66	Kansas St.	54
Tennessee#	66	Clemson	53
Texas A&M	66	Texas	52
Ohio St.	64	Iowa	51
Brigham Young	63	Air Force	50
Notre Dame	63	Toledo	50
		Virginia Tech	50

*Ties counted as half won and half lost. @Alabama forfeited eight victories and one tie from 1993 by order of NCAA Committee on Infractions. #Includes forfeit win over Alabama in 1993 by order of NCAA Committee on Infractions. ++Joined I-A during the decade as follows: Arkansas St. (1992), Nevada (1992), Northeast La. (1994), North Texas (1995), UAB (1996), Boise St. (1996), Central Fla. (1996) and Marshall (1997).

Winningest Teams by Decade

(By Percentage; Bowls and Playoffs Included, Unless Noted)

1980-89

Rank	Team	W-L-T	Pct.†	Rank	Team	W-L-T	Pct.†
1.	Nebraska	103-20-0	.837	8.	Florida St.	87-28-3	.750
2.	Miami (Fl.)	98-20-0	.831	10.	Michigan	89-29-2	.750
3.	Brigham Young	102-26-0	.797	11.	Alabama	86-31-1	.733
4.	Oklahoma	91-25-2	.780		Arkansas	85-32-2	.723
5.	Clemson	86-25-4	.765	16.	Ohio St.	82-35-2	.697
6.	Penn St.	89-27-2	.763	17.	Southern Meth.	83-28-1	.690
7.	Georgia	88-27-4	.756	18.	Southern Cal.	78-35-3	.685
8.	Florida St.	87-28-3	.750	19.	Florida	76-37-3	.668
10.	Michigan	89-29-2	.750	20.	Arizona St.	73-36-4	.664
	Auburn	86-31-1	.733				

1970-79

Rank	Team	W-L-T	Pct.†	Rank	Team	W-L-T	Pct.†
1.	Oklahoma	102-13-3	.877	11.	Arizona St.	90-28-0	.763
2.	Alabama	103-16-1	.863	12.	Yale@	67-21-2	.755
3.	Michigan	96-16-3	.848	13.	San Diego St.	82-26-2	.750
4.	Tennessee St.*	85-17-2	.827	14.	Miami (Ohio)	80-26-2	.741
5.	Nebraska	98-20-4	.820	15.	Central Mich.#	80-27-3	.740
6.	Penn St.	96-22-0	.814	16.	Arkansas	79-31-5	.709
7.	Ohio St.	91-20-3	.811	17.	Houston	80-33-2	.704
8.	Notre Dame	91-22-0	.805	18.	Louisiana Tech#	77-34-2	.690
9.	Southern Cal.	93-21-5	.803	19.	McNeese St.#	75-33-4	.688
10.	Texas	88-26-1	.770	20.	Dartmouth@	60-27-3	.683

1960-69

(By Percentage; Bowls and Playoffs Not Included)

Rank	Team	W-L-T	Pct.†	Rank	Team	W-L-T	Pct.†
1.	Alabama	85-12-3	.865	11.	Memphis	70-25-1	.734
2.	Texas	80-18-2	.810	12.	Arizona St.	72-26-1	.725
3.	Arkansas	80-19-1	.805	13.	LSU	70-25-5	.725
4.	Mississippi	72-20-6	.765	14.	Nebraska	72-27-1	.725
5.	Bowling Green	71-22-2	.758	15.	Wyoming	69-26-4	.711
6.	Dartmouth@	68-22-0	.756	16.	Princeton@	64-26-0	.695
7.	Ohio St.	67-21-2	.756	17.	Utah St.	68-29-3	.689
8.	Missouri	72-22-6	.750	18.	Purdue	64-28-3	.687
9.	Southern Cal.	73-23-4	.750	19.	Syracuse	68-31-0	.680
10.	Penn St.	73-26-0	.737	20.	Florida	66-30-4	.680
					Miami (Ohio)	66-30-4	.680
					Tennessee	65-29-6	.680

1950-59

Rank	Team	W-L-T	Pct.†	Rank	Team	W-L-T	Pct.†
1.	Oklahoma	93-10-2	.895	11.	Syracuse	62-29-2	.677
2.	Mississippi	80-21-5	.778	12.	Army	58-27-5	.672
3.	Michigan St.	70-21-1	.766	13.	Cincinnati	64-30-7	.668
4.	Princeton@	67-22-1	.750	14.	Notre Dame	64-31-4	.658
5.	Georgia Tech.	79-26-6	.739	15.	Clemson	64-32-5	.658
6.	UCLA	68-26-3	.716	16.	Wisconsin	57-28-7	.658
7.	Ohio St.	63-24-5	.712	17.	Colorado	62-33-6	.644
8.	Tennessee	71-31-4	.692	18.	Duke	62-33-7	.642
9.	Penn St.	62-28-4	.681	19.	Navy	55-30-8	.634
10.	Maryland	67-31-3	.678	20.	Yale@	54-30-6	.633

†Ties computed as half won and half lost. *In I-A less than 8 years, now a member of

POLL SYSTEMS HISTORY

Alderson System (1994-present), a mathematical rating system based strictly on a point value system reflecting competition as well as won-lost record. Developed by Bob Alderson of Muldrow, Oklahoma.

Associated Press (1936-present), the first major nationwide poll for ranking college football teams was voted on by sportswriters and broadcasters. It continues to this day and is probably the most well-known and widely circulated among all of history's polls. The Associated Press annual national champions were awarded the Williams Trophy and the Reverend J. Hugh O'Donnell Trophy. In 1947, Notre Dame retired the Williams Trophy (named after Henry L. Williams, Minnesota coach, and sponsored by the M Club of Minnesota). In 1956, Oklahoma retired the O'Donnell Trophy (named for Notre Dame's president and sponsored by Notre Dame alumni). Beginning with the 1957 season, the award was known as the AP Trophy, and since 1983 the award has been known as the Paul "Bear" Bryant Trophy.

Berryman (QPRS) (1990-present), a mathematical rating system based on a quality point rating formula developed by Clyde P. Berryman of Washington, D.C. Predated national champions from 1940-1989.

Billingsley Report (1960-present), a mathematical-based power rating system developed by Richard Billingsley of Nashville, Tennessee. His work is published annually as the Billingsley Report through his own company, the College Football Research Center. In 1996, he finished his three-year research project ranking the national champions from 1869-95. Predated national champions from 1869-1959.

Boand System (1930-60), known as the Azzi Ratem System developed by William Boand of Tucson, Arizona. He moved to Chicago in 1932. Appeared in many newspapers as well as Illustrated Football Annual (1932-42) and weekly in Football News (1942-44, 1951-60). Predated national champions from 1919-29.

College Football Researchers Association (1982-92), founded by Anthony Cusher of Reeder, North Dakota, and Robert Kirlin of Spokane, Washington. Announced its champion in its monthly bulletin and No. 1 team determined by top-10 vote of membership on a point system. Predated national champions from 1919-81, conducted on a poll by Harry Carson Frye.

DeVold System (1945-present), a mathematical rating system developed by Harry DeVold from Minneapolis, Minnesota, a former football player at Cornell. He eventually settled in the Detroit, Michigan, area and worked in the real estate business. The ratings have appeared in The Football News since 1962. Predated national champions from 1939-44.

Dickinson System (1926-40), a mathematical point system devised by Frank Dickinson, a professor of economics at Illinois. The annual Dickinson ratings were emblematic of the national championship and the basis for awarding the Rissman National Trophy and the Knute K. Rockne Intercollegiate Memorial Trophy. Notre Dame gained permanent possession of the Rissman Trophy (named for Jack F. Rissman, a Chicago clothing manufacturer) after its third victory in 1930. Minnesota retired the Rockne Trophy (named in honor of the famous Notre Dame coach) after winning it for a third time in 1940.

Dunkel System (1929-present), a power index system devised by Dick Dunkel Sr. (1929-71); from 1972 by Dick Dunkel Jr. of the Daytona (Fla.) Beach News-Journal.

FACT (1968-present), a computerized mathematical ranking system developed by David Rothman of Hawthorne, California. FACT is the Foundation for the Analysis of Competitions and Tournaments, which began selecting a national champion in 1968. Rothman is a semiretired defense and aerospace statistician and was cochair of the Committee on Statistics in Sports and Competition of the American Statistical Association in the 1970s.

Football News (1958-present), weekly poll of its staff writers has named a national champion since 1958.

Football Writers Association of America (1954-present), the No. 1 team of the year is determined by a five-person panel representing the nation's football writers. The national championship team named receives the Grantland Rice Award.

Helms Athletic Foundation (1941-82), originally known by this name from 1936-69 and established by the founding sponsor, Paul H. Helms, Los Angeles sportsman and philanthropist. After Helms' death in 1957, United Savings & Loan Association became its benefactor during

1970-72. A merger of United Savings and Citizen Savings was completed in 1973, and the Athletic Foundation became known as Citizens Savings Athletic Foundation. In 1982, First Interstate Bank assumed sponsorship for its final rankings. In 1941, Bill Schroeder, managing director of the Helms Athletic Foundation, retroactively selected the national football champions for the period beginning in 1883 (the first year of a scoring system) through 1940. Thereafter, Schroeder, who died in 1988, then chose, with the assistance of a Hall Board, the annual national champion after the bowl games.

Houlgate System (1927-58), a mathematical rating system developed by Deke Houlgate of Los Angeles, California. His ratings were syndicated in newspapers and published in Illustrated Football and the Football Thesaurus (1946-58).

International News Service (1952-57), a poll conducted for six years by members of the International News Service (INS) before merger with United Press in 1958.

Litkenhouse (1934-84), a difference-by-score formula developed by Edward E. Litkenhouse, a professor of chemical engineering at Vanderbilt, and his brother, Frank.

Matthews Grid Ratings (1966-present), a mathematical rating system developed by college mathematics professor Herman Matthews of Middlesboro, Kentucky. Has appeared in newspapers and The Football News.

National Championship Foundation (1980-present), established by Mike Riter of Germantown, New York. Issues annual report. Predated national champions from 1869-1979.

National Football Foundation (1959-present), the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame named its first national champion in 1959. Headquartered in Larchmont, New York, the present National Football Foundation was established in 1947 to promote amateur athletics in America. The national champion was awarded the MacArthur Bowl from 1959-90. In 1991 and 1992, the NFF/HOF joined with UPI to award the MacArthur Bowl, and in 1993 the NFF/HOF joined with USA Today to award the MacArthur Bowl.

New York Times (1979-present), a mathematical rating system introduced by this major newspaper.

Parke Davis (1933), a noted college football historian and former Princeton lineman, Parke H. Davis went back and named the championship teams from 1869 through the 1932 season. He also named a national champion at the conclusion of the 1933 season. Interestingly, the years 1869-75 were identified by Davis as the Pioneer Period; the years 1876-93 were called the Period of the American Intercollegiate Football Association, and the years 1894-1933 were referred to as the Period of Rules Committees and Conferences. He also coached at Wisconsin, Amherst and Lafayette.

Poling System (1935-84), a mathematical rating system for college football teams developed by Richard Poling from Mansfield, Ohio, a former football player at Ohio Wesleyan. Poling's football ratings were published annually in the Football Review Supplement and in various newspapers. Predated national champions from 1924-34.

Sagarin Ratings (1978-present), a mathematical rating system developed by Jeff Sagarin of Bloomington, Indiana, a 1970 MIT mathematics graduate. Runs annually in USA Today newspaper. Predated national champions from 1938 and 1956-1977.

Sporting News (1975-present), voted on annually by the staff of this St. Louis-based nationally circulated sports publication.

United Press International (1950-90, 1993-95), in 1950, the United Press news service began its poll of football coaches (replaced as coaches' poll after 1990 season). When the United Press merged with the International News Service in 1958, it became known as United Press International. The weekly UPI rankings were featured in newspapers and on radio and television nationwide. UPI and the National Football Foundation formed a coalition for 1991 and 1992 to name the MacArthur Bowl national champion. Returned to single poll in 1994-95.

USA Today/Cable News Network (1982-present), introduced a weekly poll of sportswriters in 1982 and ranked the top 25 teams in the nation with a point system. The poll results are featured in USA Today, a national newspaper, and on the Cable News Network, a national cable television network. Took over as the coaches' poll in 1991. USA Today also formed a coalition with the Na-

tional Football Foundation in 1993 to name the MacArthur Bowl national champion.

Williamson System (1932-63), a power rating system chosen by Paul Williamson of New Orleans, Louisiana, a geologist and member of the Sugar Bowl committee.

Thanks from the NCAA Statistics Service to Robert A. Rosiek of Dearborn, Michigan, who researched much of the former polls' history, and to Tex Noel of Bedford, Indiana, who provided information about Parke H. Davis.

National Poll Champions

Over the last 127 years, there have been nearly 30 selectors of national champions using polls, historical research and mathematical rating systems. Beginning in 1936, The Associated Press began the best-known and most widely circulated poll of sportswriters and broadcasters. Before 1936, national champions were determined by historical research and retroactive ratings and polls.

Note: * indicates selectors that chose multiple schools. The national champion was selected before bowl games as follows: AP (1936-64 and 1966-67); UPI (1950-73); FWAA (1954); NFF/HOF (1959-70). In all other latter-day polls, champions were selected after bowl games.

1869

Princeton: Billingsley, National Championship Foundation, Parke Davis*
Rutgers: Parke Davis*

1870

Princeton: Billingsley, National Championship Foundation, Parke Davis

1871

No national champions selected.

1872

Princeton: Billingsley, National Championship Foundation, Parke Davis*
Yale: Parke Davis*

1873

Princeton: Billingsley, National Championship Foundation, Parke Davis

1874

Harvard: Parke Davis*
Princeton: Billingsley, Parke Davis*
Yale: National Championship Foundation, Parke Davis*

1875

Colgate: Parke Davis*
Harvard: National Championship Foundation, Parke Davis*
Princeton: Billingsley, Parke Davis*

1876

Yale: Billingsley, National Championship Foundation, Parke Davis

1877

Princeton: Parke Davis*
Yale: Billingsley, National Championship Foundation, Parke Davis*

1878

Princeton: Billingsley, National Championship Foundation, Parke Davis

1879

Princeton: Billingsley, National Championship Foundation, Parke Davis*
Yale: Parke Davis*

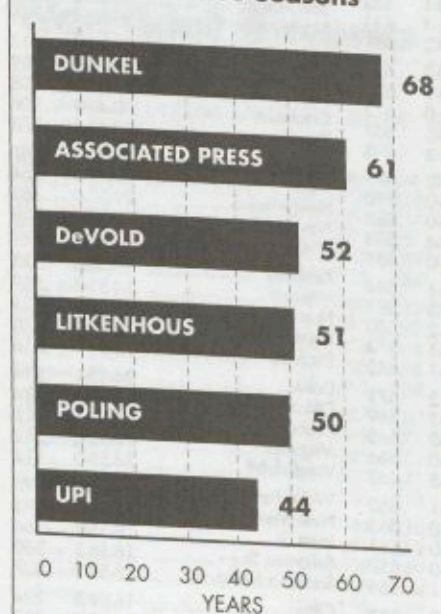
1880

Princeton: National Championship Foundation*, Parke Davis*
Yale: Billingsley, National Championship Foundation*, Parke Davis*

1881

Princeton: Billingsley, Parke Davis*
Yale: National Championship Foundation, Parke Davis*

Major Selectors With Most Active Seasons



National Poll Rankings

National Champion Major Selectors (1869 to Present)

Selector	Selection Format	Active Seasons First	Active Seasons Last	Active Seasons Total	Predated Seasons	Total Rankings
Frank Dickinson	Math	1926	1940	15	1924-25	17
Deke Houlgate	Math	1927	1958	32	1885-1926	72
Dick Dunkel	Math	1929	1996	68		68
William Boand	Math	1930	1960	31	1919-29	42
Paul Williamson	Math	1932	1963	32		32
Parke Davis	Research	1933	1933	1	1869-1932	65
Edward Litkenhouse	Math	1934	1984	51		51
Richard Poling	Math	1935	1984	50	1924-34	61
Associated Press	Poll	1936	1996	61		100
Helms Athletic Foundation	Poll	1941	1982	42	1883-1940	58
Harry DeVold	Math	1945	1996	52	1939-44	44
United Press International	Poll	1950	1995	44		6
International News Service	Poll	1952	1957	6		43
Football Writers Association	Poll	1954	1996	43		39
Football News	Poll	1958	1996	39		34
National Football Foundation	Poll	1959	1996	34	1869-70, 1872-1959	127
Billingsley	Math	1960	1996	37		30
Herman Matthews	Math	1966	1996	30		29
FACT	Math	1968	1996	29		22
Sporting News	Poll	1975	1996	22		42
Sagarin	Math	1978	1996	19	1938, 56-77	18
New York Times	Math	1979	1996	18		126
National Championship Foundation	Poll	1980	1995	16	1869-70, 1872-1979	74
College Football Researchers Association	Poll	1982	1992	11	1919-81	15
USA Today/CNN	Poll	1982	1996	15		57
Berryman	Poll	1990	1996	7	1940-89	2
UPI/National Football Foundation	Math	1991	1992	2		2
USA Today/National Football Foundation	Poll	1993	1994	2		2
Alderson	Math	1994	1996	3		3

1882

Yale: Billingsley, National Championship Foundation, Parke Davis

1883

Yale: Billingsley, Helms, National Championship Foundation, Parke Davis

1884

Princeton: Parke Davis*

Yale: Billingsley, Helms, National Championship Foundation, Parke Davis*

1885

Princeton: Billingsley, Helms, Houlgate, National Championship Foundation, Parke Davis

1886

Princeton: Parke Davis*

Yale: Billingsley, Helms, National Championship Foundation, Parke Davis*

1887

Yale: Billingsley, Helms, Houlgate, National Championship Foundation, Parke Davis

1888

Yale: Billingsley, Helms, Houlgate, National Championship Foundation, Parke Davis

1889

Princeton: Billingsley, Helms, Houlgate, National Championship Foundation, Parke Davis

1890

Harvard: Billingsley, Helms, Houlgate, National Championship Foundation, Parke Davis

1891

Yale: Billingsley, Helms, Houlgate, National Championship Foundation, Parke Davis

1892

Yale: Billingsley, Helms, Houlgate, National Championship Foundation, Parke Davis

1893

Princeton: Billingsley, Helms, Houlgate, National Championship Foundation

Yale: Parke Davis

1894

Pennsylvania: Parke Davis*

Princeton: Houlgate

Yale: Billingsley, Helms, National Championship Foundation, Parke Davis*

1895

Pennsylvania: Billingsley, Helms, Houlgate, National Championship Foundation, Parke Davis*

Yale: Parke Davis*

1896

Lafayette: National Championship Foundation*, Parke Davis*

Princeton: Billingsley, Helms, Houlgate, National Championship Foundation*, Parke Davis*

1897

Pennsylvania: Billingsley, Helms, Houlgate, National Championship Foundation, Parke Davis*

Yale: Parke Davis*

1898

Harvard: Billingsley, Helms, Houlgate, National Championship Foundation

Princeton: Parke Davis

1899

Harvard: Billingsley, Helms, Houlgate, National Championship Foundation

Princeton: Parke Davis

1900

Yale: Billingsley, Helms, Houlgate, National Championship Foundation, Parke Davis

1901

Michigan: Billingsley, Helms, Houlgate, National Championship Foundation

Yale: Parke Davis

1902

Michigan: Billingsley, Helms, Houlgate, National Championship Foundation, Parke Davis*

Yale: Parke Davis*

1903

Michigan: Billingsley, National Championship Foundation*

Princeton: Helms, Houlgate, National Championship Foundation*, Parke Davis

1904

Michigan: Billingsley, National Championship Foundation*

Pennsylvania: Helms, Houlgate, National Championship Foundation*, Parke Davis

1905

Chicago: Billingsley, Helms, Houlgate, National Championship Foundation

Yale: Parke Davis

1906

Princeton: Helms, National Championship Foundation

Vanderbilt: Billingsley

Yale: Parke Davis

1907

Pennsylvania: Billingsley

Yale: Helms, Houlgate, National Championship Foundation, Parke Davis

1908

LSU: National Championship Foundation*

Pennsylvania: Billingsley, Helms, Houlgate, National Championship Foundation*, Parke Davis

1909

Yale: Billingsley, Helms, Houlgate, National Championship Foundation, Parke Davis

1910

Auburn: Billingsley

Harvard: Helms, Houlgate, National Championship Foundation*

Pittsburgh: National Championship Foundation*

1911

Penn St.: National Championship Foundation*

Princeton: Helms, Houlgate, National Championship Foundation*, Parke Davis

Vanderbilt: Billingsley

1912

Harvard: Helms, Houlgate, National Championship Foundation*, Parke Davis

Penn St.: National Championship Foundation*

Wisconsin: Billingsley

1913

Chicago: Billingsley, Parke Davis*

Harvard: Helms, Houlgate, National Championship Foundation, Parke Davis*

1914

Army: Helms, Houlgate, National Championship Foundation, Parke Davis*

Illinois: Billingsley, Parke Davis*

1915

Cornell: Helms, Houlgate, National Championship Foundation, Parke Davis*

Nebraska: Billingsley

Pittsburgh: Parke Davis*

1916

Army: Parke Davis*

Pittsburgh: Billingsley, Helms, Houlgate, National Championship Foundation, Parke Davis*

1917

Georgia Tech: Billingsley, Helms, Houlgate, National Championship Foundation

1918

Michigan: Billingsley, National Championship Foundation*

Pittsburgh: Helms, Houlgate, National Championship Foundation*

1919

Harvard: Football Research*, Helms, Houlgate, National Championship Foundation*, Parke Davis*

Illinois: Billingsley, Boand, Football Research*, Parke Davis*

Notre Dame: National Championship Foundation*, Parke Davis*

1920

California: Billingsley, Football Research, Helms, Houlgate, National Championship Foundation

Harvard: Boand*

Notre Dame: Parke Davis*

Princeton: Boand*, Parke Davis*

1921

California: Boand*, Football Research

Cornell: Helms, Houlgate, National Championship Foundation, Parke Davis*

Iowa: Billingsley, Parke Davis*

Lafayette: Boand*, Parke Davis*

Wash. & Jeff.: Boand*

1922

California: Houlgate, National Championship Foundation*

Cornell: Helms, Parke Davis*

Iowa: Billingsley

Princeton: Boand, Football Research, National Championship Foundation*, Parke Davis*

1923

California: Houlgate

Illinois: Boand, Football Research, Helms, National Championship Foundation*, Parke Davis

Michigan: Billingsley, National Championship Foundation*

1924

Notre Dame: Billingsley, Boand, Dickinson, Football Research, Helms, Houlgate, National Championship Foundation, Poling

Pennsylvania: Parke Davis

1925

Alabama: Billingsley, Boand, Football Research, Helms, Houlgate, National Championship Foundation, Poling

Dartmouth: Dickinson, Parke Davis

1926

Alabama: Billingsley, Football Research, Helms*, National Championship Foundation*, Poling

Lafayette: Parke Davis

Navy: Boand, Houlgate

Stanford: Dickinson, Helms*, National Championship Foundation*

1927

Georgia: Boand, Poling

Illinois: Billingsley, Dickinson, Helms, National Championship Foundation, Parke Davis

Notre Dame: Houlgate

Yale: Football Research

1928

Detroit: Parke Davis*

Georgia Tech: Billingsley, Boand, Football Research, Helms, Houlgate, National Championship Foundation, Parke Davis*

Southern Cal: Dickinson

1929

Notre Dame: Billingsley, Boand, Dickinson, Football Research, Helms, National Championship Foundation, Poling

Pittsburgh: Parke Davis

Southern Cal: Houlgate

1930

Alabama: Football Research, Parke Davis*

Notre Dame: Billingsley, Boand, Dickinson, Helms, Houlgate, National Championship Foundation, Parke Davis*, Poling

1931

Pittsburgh: Parke Davis*

Purdue: Parke Davis*

Southern Cal: Billingsley, Boand, Dickinson, Dunkel, Helms, Houlgate, Football Research, National Championship Foundation, Poling, Williamson

1932

Colgate: Parke Davis*

Michigan: Dickinson, Parke Davis*

Southern Cal: Billingsley, Boand, Dunkel, Football Research, Helms, Houlgate, National Championship Foundation, Parke Davis*, Poling, Williamson

1933

Michigan: Billingsley, Boand, Dickinson, Helms, Houlgate, Football Research, National Championship Foundation, Parke Davis*, Poling

Ohio St.: Dunkel

Princeton: Parke Davis*

Southern Cal: Williamson

1934

Alabama: Billingsley, Dunkel, Houlgate, Poling, Williamson

Minnesota: Boand, Dickinson, Football Research, Helms, Litkenhouse, National Championship Foundation

1935

LSU: Williamson*

Minnesota: Billingsley, Boand, Football Research, Helms, Litkenhouse, National Championship Foundation, Poling

Princeton: Dunkel

Southern Methodist: Dickinson, Houlgate

Texas Christian: Williamson*

1936

LSU: Williamson

Minnesota: AP, Billingsley, Dickinson, Dunkel, Helms, Litkenhouse, National Championship Foundation, Poling

Pittsburgh: Boand, Football Research, Houlgate

1937

California: Dunkel, Helms

Pittsburgh: AP, Billingsley, Boand, Dickinson, Football Research, Houlgate, Litkenhouse, National Championship Foundation, Poling, Williamson

1938

Notre Dame: Dickinson

Tennessee: Billingsley, Boand, Dunkel, Football Research, Houlgate, Litkenhouse, Poling, Sagarin

Texas Christian: AP, Helms, National Championship Foundation, Williamson

1939

Cornell: Litkenhouse

Southern Cal: Dickinson

Texas A&M: AP, Billingsley, Boand, DeVold, Dunkel, Football Research, Helms, Houlgate, National Championship Foundation, Poling, Williamson

1940

Minnesota: AP, Berryman, Billingsley, Boand, DeVold, Dickinson, Football Research, Houlgate, Litkenhouse, National Championship Foundation

Stanford: Helms, Poling

Tennessee: Dunkel, Williamson

1941

Alabama: Houlgate

Minnesota: AP, Billingsley, Boand, DeVold, Dunkel, Football Research, Helms, Litkenhouse, National Championship Foundation, Poling

Texas: Berryman, Williamson

1942

Georgia: Berryman, DeVold, Houlgate, Litkenhouse, Poling, Williamson

Ohio St.: AP, Billingsley, Boand, Dunkel, Football Research, National Championship Foundation

Wisconsin: Helms

1943

Notre Dame: AP, Berryman, Billingsley, Boand, DeVold, Dunkel, Football Research, Helms, Houlgate, Litkenhouse, National Championship Foundation, Poling, Williamson

1944

Army: AP, Berryman, Billingsley, Boand, DeVold, Dunkel, Football Research, Helms, Houlgate, Litkenhouse, National Championship Foundation*, Poling, Williamson

Ohio St.: National Championship Foundation*

1945

Alabama: National Championship Foundation*

Army: AP, Berryman, Billingsley, Boand, DeVold, Dunkel, Football Research, Helms, Houlgate, Litkenhouse, National Championship Foundation*, Poling, Williamson

1946

Army: Boand*, Football Research, Helms*, Houlgate, Poling*

Georgia: Williamson

Notre Dame: AP, Berryman, Billingsley, Boand*, DeVold, Dunkel, Helms*, Litkenhouse, National Championship Foundation, Poling*

1947

Michigan: Berryman, Billingsley, Boand, DeVold, Dunkel, Football Research, Helms*, Houlgate, Litkenhouse, National Championship Foundation, Poling

Notre Dame: AP, Helms*, Williamson

1948

Michigan: AP, Berryman, Billingsley, Boand, DeVold, Dunkel, Football Research, Helms, Houlgate, Litkenhouse, National Championship Foundation, Poling, Williamson

1949

Notre Dame: AP, Berryman, Boand, DeVold, Dunkel, Helms, Houlgate, Litkenhouse, National Championship Foundation, Poling, Williamson

Oklahoma: Billingsley, Football Research

1950

Oklahoma: AP, Berryman, Helms, Litkenhouse, UPI, Williamson

Princeton: Boand, Poling

Tennessee: Billingsley, DeVold, Dunkel, Football Research, National Championship Foundation

1951

Georgia Tech: Berryman, Boand*

Illinois: Boand*

Maryland: Billingsley, DeVold, Dunkel, Football Research, National Championship Foundation

Michigan St.: Helms, Poling

Tennessee: AP, Litkenhouse, UPI, Williamson

1952

Georgia Tech: Berryman, INS, Poling

Michigan St.: AP, Billingsley, Boand, DeVold, Dunkel, Football Research, Helms, Litkenhouse, National Championship Foundation, UPI, Williamson

1953

Maryland: AP, INS, UPI

Notre Dame: Billingsley, Boand, DeVold, Dunkel, Helms, Litkenhouse, National Championship Foundation, Poling, Williamson

Oklahoma: Berryman, Football Research

1954

Ohio St.: AP, Berryman, Boand, DeVold, Football Research*, Helms*, INS, National Championship Foundation*, Poling, Williamson

UCLA: Billingsley, Dunkel, Football Research*, FW, Helms*, Litkenhouse, National Championship Foundation*, UPI

1955

Michigan St.: Boand

Oklahoma: AP, Berryman, Billingsley, DeVold, Dunkel, Football Research, FW, Helms, INS, Litkenhouse, National Championship Foundation, Poling, UPI, Williamson

1956

Georgia Tech: Berryman

Iowa: Football Research

Oklahoma: AP, Billingsley, Boand, DeVold, Dunkel, FW, Helms, INS, Litkenhouse, National Championship Foundation, Sagarin, UPI, Williamson

Today/NFF final poll received the MacArthur be-



Photo from Syracuse sports information

Syracuse halfback Ernie Davis led the Orangemen to a consensus national championship in 1959 after beating Texas, 23-14, in the Cotton Bowl. Davis earned consensus all-American honors in 1960, and was named the Heisman winner after a unanimous all-American season in 1961.

National Poll Champions in Bowl Games

Year	Team	Coach (Years†)	Record	Bowl (Result)
1900	Yale	Malcolm McBride	12-0-0	None
1901	Michigan	Fielding Yost	11-0-0	Rose (beat Stanford, 49-0)
1902	Michigan	William Reid	12-0-0	None
1903	Yale	Fielding Yost	11-0-0	None
1904	Princeton	Joseph Swan	11-0-1	None
1905	Pennsylvania	Art Hillebrand	11-0-0	None
1906	Chicago	Carl Williams	12-0-0	None
1907	Yale	Amos Alonzo Stagg	11-0-0	None
1908	Princeton	J. E. Owsley	10-0-0	None
1909	Yale	Bill Roper	9-0-1	None
1910	Yale	Foster Rockwell	9-0-1	None
1911	Pennsylvania	William Knox	9-0-1	None
1912	Harvard	Sal Metzger	11-0-1	None
1913	Yale	Percy Haughton	9-0-1	None
1914	Yale	Howard Jones	10-0-0	None
1915	Harvard	Percy Haughton	8-0-1	None
1916	Princeton	Bill Roper	8-0-2	None
1917	Harvard	Percy Haughton	9-0-0	None
1918	Harvard	Percy Haughton	9-0-0	None
1919	Harvard	Charley Daly	9-0-0	None
1920	Harvard	Percy Haughton	7-0-2	None
1921	Cornell	Al Sharpe	9-0-0	None
1922	Pittsburgh	Glenn "Pop" Warner	8-0-0	None
1923	Georgia Tech	John Heisman	9-0-0	None
1924	Pittsburgh	Glenn "Pop" Warner	4-1-0	None
1925	Harvard	Robert Fisher	9-0-1	Rose (beat Oregon, 7-6)
1926	Penn St.	Hugo Bezdek	7-1-0	None
1927	California	Andy Smith	9-0-0	Rose (beat Ohio St., 28-0)
1928	Princeton	Bill Roper	6-0-1	None
1929	Cornell	Gil Dobie	8-0-0	None
1930	Penn St.	Hugo Bezdek	8-0-2	None
1931	Cornell	Gil Dobie	8-0-0	None
1932	Princeton	Bill Roper	8-0-0	None
1933	Illinois	Robert Zuppke	8-0-0	None
1934	Notre Dame	Knute Rockne	8-0-0	None
1935	Alabama	Wallace Wade	10-0-0	Rose (beat Stanford, 27-10)
1936	Dartmouth	Jesse Hawley	10-0-0	Rose (beat Washington, 20-19)
1937	Alabama	Wallace Wade	8-0-0	None
1938	Stanford	Glenn "Pop" Warner	9-0-1	Rose (beat Stanford, 7-7)
1939	Illinois	Robert Zuppke	10-0-1	Rose (beat Alabama, 7-7)
1940	Georgia Tech	Bill Alexander	7-0-1	None
1941	Southern Cal	Howard Jones	10-0-0	Rose (beat California, 8-7)
1942	Notre Dame	Knute Rockne	9-0-1	None
1943	Southern Cal	Knute Rockne	9-0-0	None
1944	Michigan	Howard Jones	10-0-0	None
1945	Southern Cal	Harry Kipke	10-1-0	Rose (beat Tulane, 21-12)
1946	Michigan	Harry Kipke	8-0-0	None
1947	Minnesota	Bernie Bierman	10-0-0	Rose (beat Pittsburgh, 35-0)
1948	Minnesota	Bernie Bierman	7-0-1	None
1949	Southern Methodist	Matty Bell	8-0-0	None
1950	Pittsburgh	Bernie Bierman (5-15)	12-1-0	Rose (lost to Stanford, 7-0)
1951	Texas Christian	Jack Sutherland (13-18)	7-1-0	None
1952	Texas A&M	Dutch Meyer (5-5)	9-0-1	None
1953	Minnesota	Homer Norton (6-16)	11-0-0	Sugar (beat Carnegie Mellon, 15-7)
1954	Minnesota	Bernie Bierman (9-19)	11-0-0	Sugar (beat Tulane, 14-13)
1955	Minnesota	Bernie Bierman (10-20)	8-0-0	None
1956	Ohio St.	Paul Brown (2-2)	8-0-0	None
1957	Notre Dame	Frank Leahy (3-5)	9-1-0	None
1958	Army	Earl "Red" Blaik (4-11)	9-0-0	None
1959	Notre Dame	Earl "Red" Blaik (5-12)	9-0-0	None
1960	Notre Dame	Frank Leahy (4-6)	8-0-1	None
1961	Notre Dame	Frank Leahy (5-7)	9-0-0	None
1962	Notre Dame	Bennie Oosterbaan (1-1)	9-0-0	None
1963	Oklahoma	Bud Wilkinson (4-4)	10-0-0	None
1964	Oklahoma	Bud Wilkinson (10-10)	10-0-0	None
1965	Oklahoma	Ralph "Shug" Jordan (7-7)	10-0-0	None
1966	Auburn	Woody Hayes (7-12)	9-1-0	Rose (beat Oregon, 10-7)
1967	LSU	Paul Dietzel (4-4)	11-0-0	Sugar (beat Clemson, 7-0)
1968	Iowa	Forest Evashevski (5-8)	8-1-1	Rose (beat California, 38-12)
1969	Syracuse	Ben Schwartzwalder (11-14)	11-0-0	Cotton (beat Texas, 23-14)
1970	Minnesota	Murray Warmath (7-9)	8-2-0	Rose (lost to Washington, 17-7)
1971	Mississippi	Johnny Vaught (14-14)	10-0-1	Sugar (beat Rice, 14-6)

Year	Team	Coach (Years†)	Record	Bowl (Result)
1961	Alabama	Paul "Bear" Bryant (4-17)	11-0-0	Sugar (beat Arkansas, 10-3)
1962	Ohio St.	Woody Hayes (11-16)	8-0-1	None
1963	Southern Cal	John McKay (3-3)	11-0-0	Rose (beat Wisconsin, 42-37)
1964	Texas	Darrell Royal (7-10)	11-0-0	Cotton (beat Navy, 28-6)
1965	Alabama	Paul "Bear" Bryant (7-20)	10-1-0	Orange (lost to Texas, 21-17)
1966	Arkansas	Frank Broyles (3-4)	11-0-0	Cotton (beat Nebraska, 10-7)
1967	Notre Dame	Ara Parseghian (1-14)	9-1-0	None
1968	Alabama	Paul "Bear" Bryant (8-21)	9-1-1	Orange (beat Nebraska, 39-28)
1969	Michigan St.	Duffy Daugherty (12-12)	10-1-0	Rose (lost to UCLA, 14-12)
1970	Michigan St.	Duffy Daugherty (13-13)	9-0-1	None
1971	Notre Dame	Ara Parseghian (3-17)	9-0-1	None
1972	Southern Cal	John McKay (8-8)	10-1-0	Rose (beat Indiana, 14-3)
1973	Ohio St.	Woody Hayes (18-23)	10-0-0	Rose (beat Southern Cal, 27-16)
1974	Texas	Darrell Royal (13-16)	11-0-0	Cotton (beat Notre Dame, 21-17)
1975	Nebraska	Bob Devaney (9-14)	11-0-1	Orange (beat LSU, 17-12)
1976	Ohio St.	Woody Hayes (20-25)	9-1-0	Rose (lost to Stanford, 27-17)
1977	Texas	Darrell Royal (14-17)	10-1-0	Cotton (lost to Notre Dame, 24-11)
1978	Nebraska	Bob Devaney (10-15)	13-0-0	Orange (beat Alabama, 38-6)
1979	Southern Cal	John McKay (13-13)	12-0-0	Sugar (beat Ohio St., 42-17)
1980	Alabama	Paul "Bear" Bryant (16-29)	11-1-0	Sugar (lost to Notre Dame, 24-23)
1981	Notre Dame	Ara Parseghian (10-23)	11-0-0	Sugar (beat Alabama, 24-23)
1982	Oklahoma	Barry Switzer (2-2)	11-0-0	None
1983	Southern Cal	John McKay (15-15)	10-1-1	Rose (beat Ohio St., 18-17)
1984	Oklahoma	Barry Switzer (3-3)	11-1-0	Orange (beat Michigan, 14-6)
1985	Pittsburgh	Johnny Majors (4-9)	12-0-0	Sugar (beat Georgia, 27-3)
1986	Notre Dame	Dan Devine (3-19)	11-1-0	Cotton (beat Texas, 38-10)
1987	Alabama	Paul "Bear" Bryant (21-34)	11-1-0	Sugar (beat Penn St., 14-7)
1988	Southern Cal	John Robinson (3-3)	12-1-0	Rose (beat Michigan, 17-10)
1989	Alabama	Paul "Bear" Bryant (22-35)	12-0-0	Sugar (beat Arkansas, 24-9)
1990	Georgia	Vince Dooley (17-17)	12-0-0	Sugar (beat Notre Dame, 17-10)
1991	Clemson	Danny Ford (4-4#)	12-0-0	Orange (beat Nebraska, 22-15)
1992	Penn St.	Joe Paterno (17-17)	11-1-0	Sugar (beat Georgia, 27-23)
1993	Miami (Fla.)	Howard Schnellenberger (5-5)	11-1-0	Orange (beat Nebraska, 31-30)
1994	Brigham Young	LaVell Edwards (13-13)	13-0-0	Holiday (beat Michigan, 24-17)
1995	Oklahoma	Barry Switzer (13-13)	11-1-0	Orange (beat Penn St., 25-10)
1996	Penn St.	Joe Paterno (21-21)	12-0-0	Fiesta (beat Miami, Fla., 14-10)
1997	Miami (Fla.)	Jimmy Johnson (3-9)	12-0-0	Orange (beat Oklahoma, 20-14)
1998	Notre Dame	Lou Holtz (3-19)	12-0-0	Fiesta (beat West Va., 34-21)
1999	Miami (Fla.)	Dennis Erickson (1-8)	11-1-0	Sugar (beat Alabama, 33-25)
2000	Colorado	Bill McCartney (9-9)	11-1-1	Orange (beat Notre Dame, 10-9)
2001	Georgia Tech	Bobby Ross (4-14)	11-0-1	Fla. Citrus (beat Nebraska, 45-21)
2002	Miami (Fla.)	Dennis Erickson (3-10)	12-0-0	Orange (beat Nebraska, 22-0)
2003	Washington	Don James (17-21)	12-0-0	Rose (beat Michigan, 34-14)
2004	Alabama	Gene Stallings (3-10)	13-0-0	Sugar (beat Miami, Fla., 34-13)
2005	Florida St.	Bobby Bowden (18-28)	12-1-0	Orange (beat Nebraska, 18-16)
2006	Nebraska	Tom Osborne (22-22)	13-0-0	Orange (beat Miami, Fla., 24-17)
2007	Nebraska	Tom Osborne (23-23)	12-0-0	Fiesta (beat Florida, 62-24)
2008	Florida	Steve Spurrier (7-10)	12-1-0	Sugar (beat Florida St., 52-20)

†Years head coach at that college and total years at four-year colleges. #Includes last game of 1978 season.

Associated Press Weekly Poll Leaders

The weekly dates are for Monday or Tuesday, the most frequent release dates of the poll, except when the final poll was taken after January 1-2 bowl games. A team's record includes its last game before the weekly poll. A new weekly leader's rank the previous week is indicated in parentheses after its record. Final poll leaders (annual champions) are in bold face. (Note: Only 10 teams were ranked in the weekly polls during 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966 and 1967; 20 were ranked in all other seasons until 1989, when 25 were ranked.)

Year	Team	Record
1936	Minnesota	(3-0-0)
1937	Minnesota	(4-0-0)
1938	Northwestern	(5-0-0) (3)
1939	Northwestern	(6-0-0)
1940	Northwestern	(7-0-0)
1941	Minnesota	(7-1-0) (2)
1942	Minnesota	(7-1-0)
1943	California	(5-0-0)
1944	California	(6-0-0)
1945	California	(7-0-0)
1946	Pittsburgh	(6-0-1) (3)
1947	Pittsburgh	(7-0-1)
1948	Pittsburgh	(8-0-1)
1949	Pittsburgh	(9-0-1)

Year	Team	Record
1938	Pittsburgh	(4-0-0)
1939	Pittsburgh	(5-0-0)
1940	Pittsburgh	(6-0-0)
1941	Texas Christian	(7-0-0) (2)
1942	Notre Dame	(7-0-0) (2)
1943	Notre Dame	(8-0-0)
1944	Texas Christian	(10-0-0) (2)
1945	Pittsburgh	(3-0-0)
1946	Tennessee	(4-0-0) (5)
1947	Tennessee	(5-0-0)
1948	Tennessee	(6-0-0)
1949	Tennessee	(7-0-0)
1950	Tennessee	(9-0-0) (2)
1951	Texas A&M	(9-0-0)
1952	Texas A&M	(10-0-0) (4)
1953	(tie) Southern Cal	(10-0-0)
1954	Texas A&M	(10-0-0)
1955	Texas A&M	(10-0-0)
1956	Texas A&M	(10-0-0)
1957	Texas A&M	(10-0-0)
1958	Texas A&M	(10-0-0)
1959	Texas A&M	(10-0-0)
1960	Texas A&M	(10-0-0)
1961	Texas A&M	(10-0-0)
1962	Texas A&M	(10-0-0)
1963	Texas A&M	(10-0-0)
1964	Texas A&M	(10-0-0)
1965	Texas A&M	(10-0-0)
1966	Texas A&M	(10-0-0)
1967	Texas A&M	(10-0-0)
1968	Texas A&M	(10-0-0)
1969	Texas A&M	(10-0-0)
1970	Texas A&M	(10-0-0)
1971	Texas A&M	(10-0-0)
1972	Texas A&M	(10-0-0)
1973	Texas A&M	(10-0-0)
1974	Texas A&M	(10-0-0)
1975	Texas A&M	(10-0-0)
1976	Texas A&M	(10-0-0)
1977	Texas A&M	(10-0-0)
1978	Texas A&M	(10-0-0)
1979	Texas A&M	(10-0-0)
1980	Texas A&M	(10-0-0)
1981	Texas A&M	(10-0-0)
1982	Texas A&M	(10-0-0)
1983	Texas A&M	(10-0-0)
1984	Texas A&M	(10-0-0)
1985	Texas A&M	(10-0-0)
1986	Texas A&M	(10-0-0)
1987	Texas A&M	(10-0-0)
1988	Texas A&M	(10-0-0)
1989	Texas A&M	(10-0-0)
1990	Texas A&M	(10-0-0)
1991	Texas A&M	(10-0-0)
1992	Texas A&M	(10-0-0)
1993	Texas A&M	(10-0-0)
1994	Texas A&M	(10-0-0)
1995	Texas A&M	(10-0-0)
1996	Texas A&M	(10-0-0)
1997	Texas A&M	(10-0-0)
1998	Texas A&M	(10-0-0)
1999	Texas A&M	(10-0-0)
2000	Texas A&M	(10-0-0)
2001	Texas A&M	(10-0-0)
2002	Texas A&M	(10-0-0)
2003	Texas A&M	(10-0-0)
2004	Texas A&M	(10-0-0)
2005	Texas A&M	(10-0-0)
2006	Texas A&M	(10-0-0)
2007	Texas A&M	(10-0-0)
2008	Texas A&M	(10-0-0)
2009	Texas A&M	(10-0-0)
2010	Texas A&M	(10-0-0)
2011	Texas A&M	(10-0-0)
2012	Texas A&M	(10-0-0)
2013	Texas A&M	(10-0-0)
2014	Texas A&M	(10-0-0)
2015	Texas A&M	(10-0-0)
2016	Texas A&M	(10-0-0)
2017	Texas A&M	(10-0-0)
2018	Texas A&M	(10-0-0)
2019	Texas A&M	(10-0-0)
2020	Texas A&M	(10-0-0)
2021	Texas A&M	(10-0-0)
2022	Texas A&M	(10-0-0)
2023	Texas A&M	(10-0-0)
2024	Texas A&M	(10-0-0)



Photo from Colorado sports information

Senior all-American Eric Bieniemy rushed for 1,628 yards and 17 touchdowns to lead Colorado to a 10-1-1 regular-season record in 1990. The Buffaloes defeated Notre Dame, 10-9, in the Orange Bowl and shared the mythical national champion crown with Georgia Tech.

Year	Team	Record
1921	Minnesota	(3-0-0)
1922	(tie) Minnesota	(4-0-0)
1923	(tie) Texas	(5-0-0) (2)
1924	Texas	(6-0-0)
1925	Minnesota	(6-0-0) (2)
1926	Minnesota	(7-0-0)
1927	Minnesota	(8-0-0)
1928	Minnesota	(8-0-0)
1929	Minnesota	(8-0-0)
1930	Minnesota	(8-0-0)
1931	Minnesota	(8-0-0)
1932	Minnesota	(8-0-0)
1933	Minnesota	(8-0-0)
1934	Minnesota	(8-0-0)
1935	Minnesota	(8-0-0)
1936	Minnesota	(8-0-0)
1937	Minnesota	(8-0-0)
1938	Minnesota	(8-0-0)
1939	Minnesota	(8-0-0)
1940	Minnesota	(8-0-0)
1941	Minnesota	(8-0-0)
1942	Minnesota	(8-0-0)
1943	Minnesota	(8-0-0)
1944	Minnesota	(8-0-0)
1945	Minnesota	(8-0-0)
1946	Minnesota	(8-0-0)
1947	Minnesota	(8-0-0)
1948	Minnesota	(8-0-0)
1949	Minnesota	(8-0-0)
1950	Minnesota	(8-0-0)
1951	Minnesota	(8-0-0)
1952	Minnesota	(8-0-0)
1953	Minnesota	(8-0-0)
1954	Minnesota	(8-0-0)
1955	Minnesota	(8-0-0)
1956	Minnesota	(8-0-0)
1957	Minnesota	(8-0-0)
1958	Minnesota	(8-0-0)
1959	Minnesota	(8-0-0)
1960	Minnesota	(8-0-0)